South Africa shock; breakaway move to professional football

Federation aid sought

A bombshell was dropped in South Africa last week when soccer threatened to become professional.

South Africa has long been noted for its strict amateurism in Rugby Union and soccer.

The latest move by soccer clubs follows an attempt last season to introduce Rugby League.

Then, Rugby Union proved too strong, but it is a different story with the soccer clubs.

Already incensed at poaching by leading English and Scottish clubs of their top players, the latest move has been a blow to amateur purists in South Africa.

Former South African international Ray Ferriman, who toured Australia in 1947 with the Springboks, is one of the leaders in the pro move.

In a letter to "Soccer World", Ferriman asked for full details how the Federation conducts its semi-pro football.

He believes a similar competition could be conducted in South Africa.

Full details have been sent to Ferriman, who also is anxious for another Australian team to visit South Africa.

"If we are disqualified for trying to introduce pro football, perhaps the Federation would consider a visit to South Africa to play our leading teams," said Ferriman in his letter.

We believe that the Federation would jump at the chance to send a team overseas.

It only needs South Africa to get the "axe" similar to the Federation and it is virtually certain that a team would tour South Africa next season.

MORE SPACE TO PARK CARS

The Federation apologies for traffic congestion at last week's games, but this was caused by circumstances beyond its control.

This week, and in the weeks to follow, the Federation has made arrangements to accommodate an additional 300 cars.

Guides will keep traffic moving, profiting from the experience gained last Friday night.

The Federation's endeavor will be to continually try to improve parking facilities.

Mr M. NAGY, President of Budapest, who on Wednesday entered hospital for an eye operation. He will be out of action for about three weeks.

Mr. Bayutti, President of APIA Club, receiving from Miss Gasperini a cheque for the first £25 debenture towards financing the new £25,000 clubhouse.

£1000 allotted for new coaching school

The Federation and the NSW Junior Soccer Football Association met recently to form a coaching school for junior managers and coaches.

Junior Associations represented were, Canterbury, Bankstown, Gladesville-Hornsby, Kuring-Gai, Western Suburbs and Eastern Suburbs.

Mr A. Burton, Federation President, opened the meeting and emphasised the need for some uniform attempt in coaching in the Sydney area.

He further stated that the Federation intended to implement plans to further the move by donating £1000 for coaching.

Mr K. Gilmour, President, together with Mr W. Brackenbury, secretary and Mr L. Williams, treasurer of the NSW Junior Soccer Association supported the remarks of Mr Burton.

Messrs R. Walker, J. Vlasits and J. Bellwood, of the coaches organisation, outlined the coaching scheme and requested support and co-operation from the Junior organisations in implementing the scheme.

A fairly comprehensive programme had been drawn up by the coaches and great benefit should accrue therefrom.

Well known world sportsman, Mr V. Chalvin, a certificated EFA coach, has agreed to co-operate in the scheme.

Mr Chalwin takes no sides in the soccer dispute and has offered his services and talent for the general improvement and development of soccer in this country.

In this regard all are welcome to participate in the scheme.

Death of Veteran Club official

It was with regret we learned of the sudden death of Mr B. Mann last weekend.

Mr Mann spent a lifetime in soccer as secretary-treasurer of the Woonona club.

To his relatives we extend our sympathy.

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AMPOL SERIES

Top teams in tonight's Cup clashes

Tonight's Ampol Cup series brings last year's finalists into the firing line - but not against each other.

Hakoah will find the greatly improved Concord a tough nut to crack.

Whitout the benefit of name players, Concord has built a team capable of upsetting any side in the competition.

Hakoah, which have some star players under suspension, have been experimenting with their line-up, but they will still be formidable opponents.

Then, what true soccer fan would write off APIA against last year's champions, Canterbury?

Probably the fittest team in the competition, APIA tonight will surprise many with the high standard of their football.

Canterbury, with star-studded team of Australians, looks good.

The players know one another's play like a book, and here again fans are in for a surprise.

The game between APIA and Canterbury is a "natural", the pity of it being that one or the other must fall by the wayside.

This clash could easily be the best game of the series.

Last Friday night, 4642 people saw the opening games of the series, 800 more than attended the first matches last year.

This is a gratifying indication of the way in which followers have responded to the night games.

It also reflects the determination of the clubs and the players to give of their best.

Corrimal showed by the relentless way they wore down Bankstown that they will be again a force to be reckoned with.

Many good judges are already tipping Auburn for the big prize, after their effortless performance against Sydney Austral.

And so, the pattern was set for the games to come.

EXECUTIVES AT FIRST GAMES

Ampol executives attended the opening night of the Cup series and were all enthusiastic about the games and their presentation.

The late game teams were presented to Mr Allan Purdy, Ampol's southern NSW manager, and Mrs Purdey.

Bob Bignell, who captained Australia's Olympic Games team, presented Mrs Purdey with a bouquet.

Also present were Mr T. Southwell-Keely, chief of public relations (Australasia); Mr Merton Woods, public relations (Australia); Mr Evan Green, NSW advertising and public relations manager, who had worked hard to make the night games a uccess, and his assistant, Mr Alan Taylor.

Club publicity men are requested to keep up their supply of news for inclusion in each issue of "Soccer World" and Players photographs are especially required for featuring in subsequent issues.

Juniors take Assn. to task

The way in which junior soccer has been developed in the Canterbury District is one of the most encouraging signs in Sydney for the future of the code.

In the 1958 season 15 clubs were affiliated, representing 106 teams with a total of 2005 players.

In his report to the annual meeting of the Canterbury and District Association honorary secretary-treasurer W. Brackenbury said, inter alia:

"To the NSW Soccer Football Association Ltd. — we appreciate your gesture in donating trophies to all Under 14, 12 and 10 grades premiership winners in all districts in NSW who are affiliated with the NSW Junior Association.

"We do not appreciate, however, that these trophies were used as a lever in the present soccer dispute in trying to to force the juniors to take sides.

"If the present Directors of the NSW Soccer Association are lovers of the soccer code they should realise that they have failed in their efforts to promote soccer in this State.

"This is not only hearsay by me, but by the reaction of the players.

"I also have the public and Press support to back my statement.

"The present Directors of the Soccer Association have proved, to my mind, that they think they are bigger then the game of soccer and, therefore, are determined to hold on at all costs.

"To the Federation of Soccer Clubs — we appreciate your many favors.

"We only hope that in the near future you are given the chance to promote soccer in this State.

"In my opinion and observation over the past 30 years, the standard of football in several of your teams has reached an all-time peak."

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The Northern Angle

Junior soccer in the Newcastle area is at present at the top of the wave of popularity.

This is due to several important factors — all vital in their way.

Firstly, there has been sound and progressive administration at the top, where the hard working Executive never misses a trick to push forward the round ball game.

Several years ago it proved a master-stroke when a series of under 10 years competitions were inaugurated.

Dozens of young boys rallied to the many clubs, where again voluntary workers saw that facilities were made available for the many teams.

Trophies were awarded, but far more important was that the growing lads were given an opportunity to play the game of their own choice.

In some schools restrictions were placed on boys who desired to play soccer — —tragic that such a state of affairs should exist in a land where democracy is preached and practised.

It is a matter of regret that mastermind Ern Merrick has to retire as district secretary, because he was a potent power behind progress.

But Bill Walker is still there at the helm and he is out to not only maintain progress made, but to push ahead into new areas.

It was grand too to see that veteran "King of the Juniors" Tom Percy step forward again as district secretary.

For the past 32 years this former Englishman has toiled and toiled for the soccer code.

More than 200 teams played last season and more are likely to line up this winter.

If there are any former players, referees or officials who would like to keep the flag going just join the nearest junior club and do your best.

CALL FOR POLICY

Relegated to the 2nd Division this season, Newcastle Austral have made an appeal to Northern League officials to come out in the open with a statement regarding promotion and relegation for the 1960 season.

Such an appeal is a just one and League administrators cannot sit and allow the season to get under way without a clear indication of policy.

Firstly, what is the intention about the size of the First Division Northern for 1960.

Some have suggested a 10 team competition; some say eight; some say that the number should remain at 12.

There is no doubt that if the Northern League aims at quality, there will have to be a reduction.

I feel sure that next season's top division will be limited to 10 teams and that will mean that two teams — the bottom two will have to drop back to the 2nd Division.

But what of the top team in the 2nd Division?

Perhaps for next season it may be better to drop three bottom clubs and promote the 2nd Division winners.

After the 1960 season, the competition will be stablised with 10 teams so at the end of each season the policy should be two up and two down.

But to stop heartburns and unnecessary wranglings let the Northern League make a clear statement before the present season gets moving.

FLOODLIGHT GAMES

The Northern Ampol floodlight series at Wallsend Crystal Place ground was given a good send-off.

The presentation pleased everyone, expecially the paying public.

Caretaker Tim Davies had the playing area in tip top condition and under the lights, it look like a Wembley Stadium at its best.

On the opening night there were some shadows at the goal ends but minor adjustments soon cured that ill.

The uniforms, like those used in Sydney, were a great success, and other minor details reflected great credit on the organising committee who worked hard for the launching.

On the opening night the recently promoted Lake Macquarie XI beat Weston by 5 to 1 and showed that there are tons of up-and-coming soccer stars in the district.

Playing under the light did not affect the young Lakesiders, who ran away easy winners.

They meet West Wallsend this weekend in the early game.

On the opening night, Awaba, who won the State Cup in 1958, did well to knock out Cardiff, who took the field without international Bill Paddock.

Best player of the night was Cardiff's skipper, Scotty Hopkins.

Bid to get interstate champions

Prominent Sydney businessman Mr Bill Kennard recently made a magnificent gesture towards uniting soccer within Australia.

Mr Kennard offered a trophy valued at £250 for a game between Sydney and Melbourne competition winners.

We hope such a match eventuates as the Federation would welcome a visit from our southern friends.

Mr KENNARD

Mr Kennard was the original sponsor of the floodlight series, which has been a great revenue spinner for the Federation.

Last year's profit of £2000 looks like being doubled.

Mr KENNARD

An all-State competition between their respective champions would even be a greater move, and, from a Federation point of view, it would be a welcome move to rehabilitating soccer throughout Australia.

A bigger crowd saw the second night when tip-top toeball was on tap.

The reorganised East Lakes XI staged a sensational show to beat Blacksmith 4—2.

Tall Barry Burgess played like a trojan to scored a brilliant hat-trick, while Bill Screen added the fourth.

Blacksmith fought back in traditional fashion and Bruce Mantle scored a clever brace of goals.

Twice crackajack shots from Blacksmith's attackers hit the woodwork, with the defence at sixes and sevens.

Another sensational result followed, when the youthful Mayfield United XI knocked out Merewether 4—1.

It was 70 minutes of super speed, with youth coming out on top.

Mayfield's front line has a "greyhound" quintette in Artie Skelly, Brian Lewsam, Carl Lott, Norm Lott and Kel Pitt.

It was a sight to see them in concerted action.

Merewether's defence stood and fought every inch of the way and the crowd roared its appreciation.

UNITY IS KEY TO PROGRESS

What is so important about winning a soccer match against establishing our game on a solid foundation?

Unfortunately it is difficult to make some clubs realise that winning games is only secondary to the permanent establishment of soccer as a leading winter sport.

The men who founded the Federation have sunk their club interests in an honest endeavor. to establish the game.

To do this they have had to listen to numerous complaints from clubs, but they have not deviated from their original objective.

They have had to make decisions which have not always met with the approval of all clubs.

In making these decisions they have had only the future of the Federation uppermost in their minds.

With the fight convincingly won, the Federation is determined to build a solid foundation for the future.

The loyal support of all clubs is necesary to accomplish this.

The Federation is just as interested in the team that finishes at the bottom of the ladder, as it is in the team that comes out on top.

Why is it then that some clubs should raise barriers which can only hamper progress — not only their own, but that of the Federation?

Club interests are a healthy sign, but Federation interests too are a sign of a strong, growing organisation.

Let us all then make 1959 a really big year in soccer — a vintage year.

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HAKOAH
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COACH: Mr G. AZZOPARDI

1 Goal — K. SPIEGEL
2 Right back — P. NASH
3 Left back — R. McALEESE
4 Right half — J. ADAIR
5 Centre half — J. AIRD
6 Left half — H. SCHUSSIG
8 Inside right — R. SUCH
10 Inside left — F. HEARN
7 Outside right — H. STRAHM
9 Centre forward — F. ARANYI
11 Outside left — B. BURGOYNE or R Moore

L. HOLGATE (11 Outside left) — A. BILBEY (9 Centre forward) — K. BARNETT (7 Outside right)
S. DELANEY (10 Inside left) — J. GIBSON (8 Inside right)
R. JAMES (6 Left half) — D. MacFARLAN (5 Centre half) — R. WARREN (4 Right half)
A. ROBINSON (3 Left back) — K. BECKETT (2 Right back)
A. HOURIGAN — 1 Goal

RESERVES: J. Taylor, M. Munro, E. Hillyard
(Green shirts, white shorts, green and white socks)
COACH: Mr W. JAMIESON
CONCORD

CANTERBURY M'VILLE v A.P.I.A.

Lidcombe Oval — 9 p.m.

REFEREE: Mr J. BUNDYK
LINESMEN: Mr A. BROWN, Mr H. PARSONS

CANTERBURY
(Red shirts, white shorts, red and white socks)
COACH: Mr J. VLASITS

1 Goal — R. BROWN
2 Right back — T. NORTH
3 Left back — E. JONES
4 Right half — D. BROWN
5 Centre half — J. CURRY
6 Left half — D. STOCKS
8 Inside right — J. MOORE
10 Inside left — R. NEAL
7 Outside right — J. WATKISS
9 Centre forward — B. YOUNG
11 Outside left — B. SALISBURY

I. PITTIONI (11 Outside left) — A. De PAOLI (9 Centre forward) — H. EGGLER (7 Outside right)
P. TURELLA or D. Schio (10 Inside left) — J. VASVARY or G. Allocca (8 Inside right)
F. SANDS (6 Left half) — N. BONAZZA (5 Centre half) — G. CINAT (4 Right half)
R. HAWKSHAW or V. Davanzo (3 Left back) — L. STEDMAN (2 Right back)
M. TRISIC — 1 Goal

RESERVES: C. Allocca, C. Mondo
COACH: Mr G. POLGÁR
(Tangerine shirts, black shorts, tangerine socks)
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Referees organise to lift standard

The amalgamation of the Federation of Referees and the NSW Referees Association should give the standard of refereeing this season a big boost.

The new organisation, named the NSW Soccer Referees — Sydney Branch, has appointed a Management Committe, Examination Board, Appointment Board and an Inspectors Board.

The six-man Examination Board already is grading and testing referees the coming season.

The new organisation has taken into account the large number of former Europeans now playing here and will make good use of former European referees, because it believes the knowledge these men have of continental football will be an asset.

The organisation is seeking new referees and applications should be made to the secretary, Mr Jack Carter, 10 Peel Street, Belmore, telephone UL 3435.

Ballboy outfits

Equipment worn by the ballboys in tonight's game was supplied by the Speedo Knitting Mills, to whom the Federation acknowledges its thanks.

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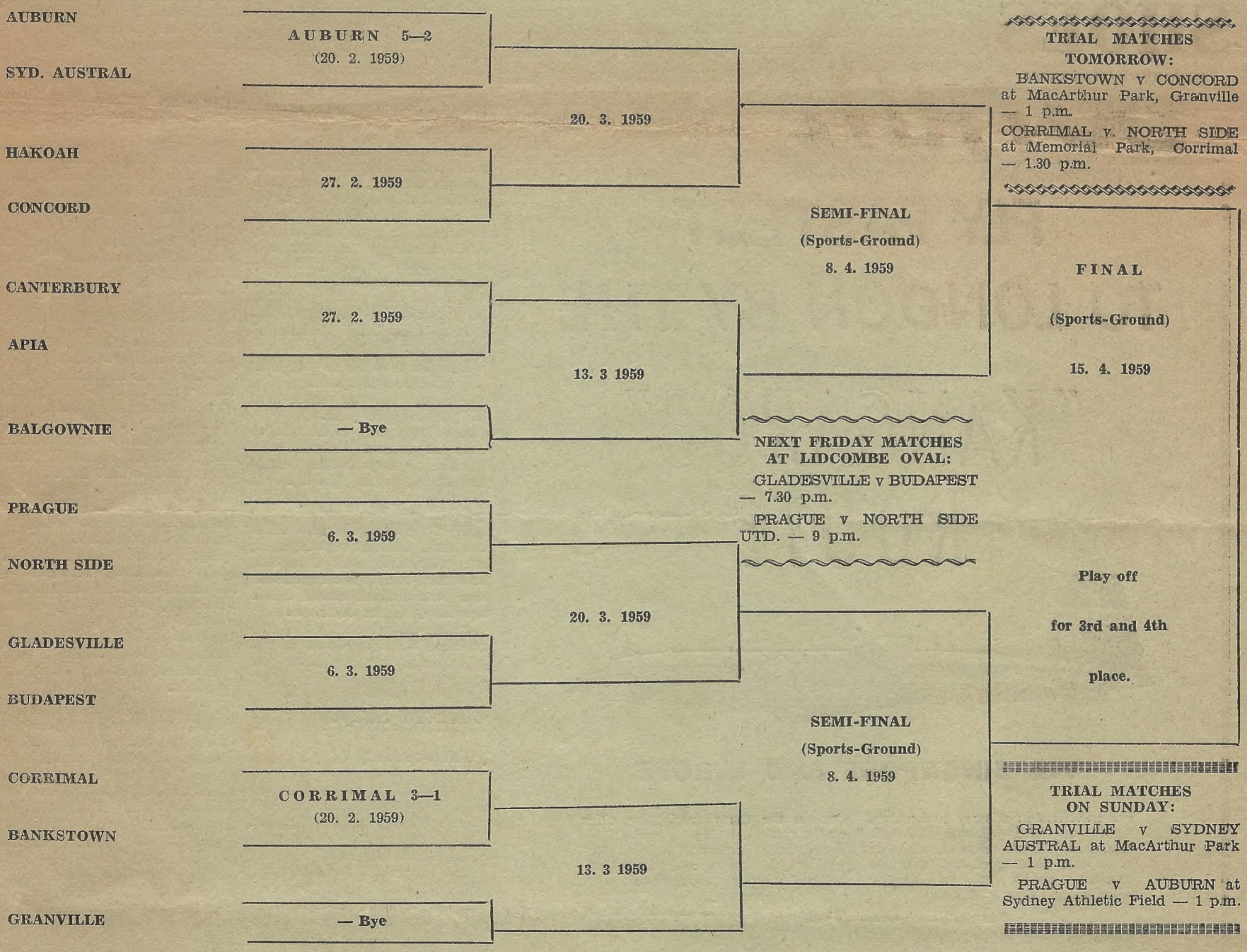

TRIAL MATCHES TOMORROW:

BANKSTOWN v CONCORD at MacArthur Park, Granville — 1 p.m.

CORRIMAL v. NORTH SIDE at Memorial Park, Corrimal — 1.30 p.m.

NEXT FRIDAY MATCHES AT LIDCOMBE OVAL:

GLADESVILLE v BUDAPEST — 7.30 p.m.

PRAGUE v NORTH SIDE UTD. — 9 p.m.

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APIA rebuilds forward line

APIA tonight will be beginning their third season as a First Division team, having jumped straight from 3rd Division in 1956.

In their first top-grading year they finished ninth and last year improved one position to eighth.

But this season, with a completely new forward line-up they are looking forward to a position in the top bracket.

In last year's Cup series, APIA were beaten in their first game by Concord and this year in the first game face tough opponents in the 1958 champions, Canterbury-Marrickville.

APIA's showing in tonight's game will give their supporters an idea of progress being made under the coaching of ex-Hungarian international, J. Polgár, who has had the team since late last season.

In the off-season, the team gained Davanzo from Bankstown and Turella from Newcastle, and other new players whom the club expects to make their mark this season.

APIA held their own on the field with top teams last season and were always able to carry the game to their opponents, but their forwards were not able to capitalise on the chances given them by their halves and backs.

However, the new forward line- and the retention of a very efficient back line practically unchanged has produced an air of confidence, which is particularly evident in the smiles of manager Gasparini.

President Jim Bayutti and secretary-treasurer Laing are preparing for a big and successful season in the hope that their team will give their supporters and the general public the type of football desired.

Club officials said: "Our team is fit and there can be no early season exucuses.'

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Hakoah not yet settled down

In its pre-season trial matches Hakoah has shown such variation of form that its fate in this year's Ampol Cup series is still a big question-mark.

Against Corrimal a fortnight ago, the team worked smoothly as a unit, making few mistakes, and won by a 6—3 margin.

A week later, with two changes (without Bill Walsh and Bela Biro, who are ineligible for tonight's game), it went down to Canterbury, 1—6.

However, Hakoah — winners of the Kennard Cup (now superseded by the Ampol Cup) two years ago, and runners-up last year — must be a force to be reckoned with... provided its experienced players produce the game of which they are capable.

In fullback John Aird — who will replace Walsh at centre half in tonight's game — Hakoah undoubtedly possess one of the classiest defensive footballers in Australia.

Before migrating to New Zealand three years ago Aird played for the professional Burnley Football Club in England, and represented Scotland in the World Cup in 1954.

Another new acquisition is centre forward Bobby Burgoyne, a six-footer, who came from Blacksmiths, in the Newcastle District, to Sydney last week.

Against Corrimal he proved a first-time shot, with both feet, and he has a fine sense of direction with his headplay.

Small, but speedy Robby Moore, promoted from last year's reserve team, looks like taking possession of the left-wing post left open by the departure of Clem Higgins, who is stationed with the Army in Adamstown.

With Jules Forgács out of action for another four weeks due to a cartilige operation, the inside forward posts will be shared by Frank Aranyi, who played centre forward last season, and Frank Hearn, who, on his day, can hold own against any forward in NSW.

The left half position will be filled by Heinz Schussig, who represented Saarland in 11 international matches before migrating to Australia 18 months ago.

The other wing half spot will be filled by either veteran Jenö Bosánszky, a former Hungarian international, who, at 38, can still exhibit football at its finest, or youngster Johnny Adair, making a comeback after a serious ankle injury halfway through last season.

Another last year reserve to be promoted to the first team tonight is Herman Strahm at right wing.

Herman is a Swiss lad, with a great burst of speed.

Hakoah will be three-deep in goalies this year.

Kurt Spiegel, who played with 1st division Viennese club Admira; 20-year-old Colin Littlemore, who "g o a l e d" the reserve grand-final winners last year as well as replacing Spiegel for several weeks while the latter was out with injuries; and newcomer Neil Campbell, who came over to the Federation this season from North Shore are all vying for selection.

Coach George Azzopardi, who replaced Jack Gibbons, is not underestimating Concord in tonight's clash.

CANTERBURY'S 1958 champion team: Back row (l. to r.): R. Brown, T. North, D. Brown, J. Curry, E. Jones, D. Stocks, J. Vlasits coach. Front row (I. to r.): J. Watkiss, J. Moore, B. Young, B.Salisbury, R. Neal.

Canterbury keen to do it again

Canterbury tonight meet APIA with a tremendous record behind them —

Kennard Cup winners, 1958 premiers and Federation Cup winners.

They are again represented by the same team that carried all before them last season.

They are superbly conditioned and eager to display last year's form early in the season.

Coach Vlasits has spent many weeks preparing these lads for tonight's game.

Canterbury are not underestimating APIA challenge and, in fact, concede that their opponents are a decided threm in this year's competition.

However, the youthful Canterbury team will be eager to display that high standard of soccer so long associated with teams from the Canterbury district.

tent where he has come under the eyes of rival clubs.

Right back Beckett is another who has build-up his speed and has improved his positional play.

James mobility has earned him a change of position from centre half to left half.

Hourigan, turning out in goal, is an agile lad acquired from Auburn and has the ability to rise to the occasion.

Right half Warren one of three footballing brothers — the others are with Auburn and Canterbury — is very keen and fit.

Centre forward Bilbey, of course, is always a danger and is gradually getting into peak condition.

Unfortunately, he received a setback in a trial game in which he received an injury necessitating three stitches.

Left back Robinson is another with a wealth of experience, who can be relied on to do his part.

Holgate looks as if he will fill the left wing berth very well.

Then there is Gibson, a handy inside forward, whose courage has never been in doubt.

In the reserves tonight is a young lad from whom Concord expect big things when he has gained experience in Federation senior football.

He is R. Taylor, another product of the Auburn district.

Club officials say that their team may not win the competition, but its condition, courage and club spirit can be relied on to make it fight out the game all the way.

Concord adopt youth policy

Concord's approach to this season's competition is the gradual introduction of youth and concentration on the conditioning of players.

This approach is in keeping with the team spirit that has always prevailed in the club.

Tonight's line-up has a blending of old and new, with some surprises in store for the fans.

Outside right Barnett is in superb condition and has added yards to his speed.

Centre half McFarlan is a newcomer who has shown plenty of ability — to the ex-

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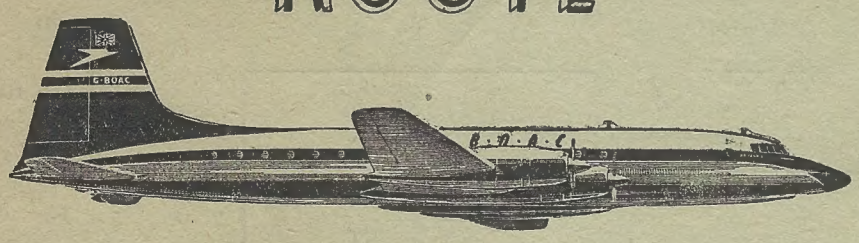

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Here, There and Everywhere

THE REPLAYS of the English Cup held considerable interest for soccer enthusiasts all over the world.

The most notable result was Norwich City's 1—0 victory over Tottenham Hotspurs.

Norwich, a third Division club, has knocked out Cardiff, Manchester United and Tottenham in their struggle to the last eight.

They now play Second Division club Sheffield United in the quarter-final.

Arsenal were K. O'd by Sheffield United 3—0

Goalkeeper Jack Kelsey broke an arm four minutes after the start.

This was a contributing factor to Arsenal's defeat.

Bolton and Preston, together with Birmingham and Notts Forest again, could not be separated

Notts Forest later defeated Birmingham 5—0 in the replay.

Bolton Wanderers beat Preston 1—0 in their replay.

The draw for the quarter finals is Sheffield Utd. v Norwich City; Blackpool v Luton; Aston Villa v Burnley; Notts Forest v Bolton.

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IN THE ENGLISH First Division a thrilling battle for the leadership is being staged.

Manchester United and Wolves are level on 38 points with Arsenal one point behind.

The United played Wolves last Saturday and defeated them 2—1 before a crowd of 67,000.

It was a thriller from start to finish with Billy Charlton scoring the deciding goal just 30 seconds before the end.

Arsenal did well to hold West Bromwich to a 1—1 draw at Birmingham

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IN THE 2ND DIVISION Sheffield Wednesday still hold the lead by two points over Fulham with Liverpool a further three points behind.

Both Sheffield teams met last Saturday and United downed Wednesday 1—0.

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IN THE 3RD DIVISION Plymouth lost their first home game this season to the Cup 'shockers" Norwich.

Hull City have a 3-point lead, but Plymouth have three games in hand.

Coventry and Port Vale are having a neck-and-neck struggle in Division Four.

Both have 43 points, with Exeter two points behind.

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IN SCOTLAND, Celtic beat Clyde 4—3 in their Cup replay while Rangers cleared out to a six-point lead over Motherwell with a 3—0 win over Stirling Albion.

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RAITH ROVERS were most unfortunate to lose to Hearts 1—2.

They had the misfortune to lose Georg Dobbie with a broken leg after only 30 minutes play.

Dobbie formerly played with Hearts and Partick Thistle.

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THE BELGIAN has decided not to take part in the Olympic soccer tournament 1960.

The last time they were represented was at Amsterdam (1928).

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BRAZILIAN sides are too often acclaimed on tours abroad as 'Brazilian Champions'.

Such statements must be untrue as there is no all-Brazilian championship; only titleholders of the various State Leagues are known.

Quite unofficially each year the best four clubs of San Paulo and Rio de Janeiro play a kind of championship, but the winner cannot even claim to be the best side in those two cities.

Now plans are being made to create a real championship of Brazil.

The Brazilian champions may then be able to play the winners of the European Cup.

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THE FINNISH championships ended with a victory for Kuopio FC (28 pts.) over last year's title holders Palloseura FC (26).

Helsinki was third (21) and Turku fourth (20).

The Finnish FA has engaged Frenchman Jules Bigot as team manager for their national side.

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THE HUNGARIAN national side will play ten matches in 1959 — Yugoslavia an April 19 and September 13; Austria on April 10; East Germany on May 1; Turkey on June 7; Sweden on June 28; USSR on September 27; Switzerland on October 5; Italy on November 22 and West Germany probably on November 29.

Previous to the match against Belgium, team manager Lajos Baróti declared that he would resign.

His successor is Árpád Csanádi, Soccer Lecturer at the Sports College at Budapest.

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ITALIAN team manager Gipo Viani has resigned because his job with Milan FC is a fulltime occupation.

His successor is former international Giovanni Ferrari, 51, who played in both Italian sides which won the World Cup (1934 and 1938).

He has 44 caps and eight championsihp medals, won with Juventus, Internazionale and Bologna.

The local 'Derby' between Milan and Internazionale brought a record gate of nearly £45,000.

The attendance was 90,000 and the result a draw (1—1).

The goals were scored by Mazzola (Brazil) for Milan, and by Argentinian Angelillo for Internazionale.

THE NORWEGIAN FA has decided to send a side to the Olympic Tournament 1960 (Roma).

Previously it had been considered not opportune to take part in that competition, but the new ruling of the FIFA (excluding sides having played in the World Cup 1958 in Sweden) was the reason which caused a change of mind.

Busby puts Manchester on top again

The dramatic recovery of Manchester United, after having lost nearly a full team almost a year ago in the Munich air disaster, is No. 1 topic in British sporting circles.

Matt Busby, faced with the task of rebuilding the team, has done a magnificent job.

The United have taken 23 points out a possible 24 in the last 12 games to climb to the top and share the leadership of the English 1st Division with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

This is a great tribute to Matt Busby, who, himself, fought a life and death battle following serious injury in the crash.

Should Manchester United take out the championship it will stand as one of the greatest achievements in soccer of all time.

RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL
Ireland v Scotland 0—0.

England

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham v Everton 2—1; Blackburn Roers v West Ham United 1—2; Blackpool v Nottingham Forest 1—0; Bolton Wanderers v Preston North End 2—1; Chelsea v Burnley 1—3; Leeds United v Manchester City 0—4; Luton Town v Leicester City 4—3; Manchester United v Wolverhampton Wanderers 2—1; Newcastle United v Aston Villa 1—0; Tottenham Hotspur v Portsmouth 4—4; West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal 1—1.

Competition Points

Wolves 38; Manch'ter 38; Arenal 37; Bolton W. 35; West Brom. 34; Blackpool 34; West Ham 33; Preston N.E. 32; Notts. Forest 31; Birm'ham C. 30; Blackburn R. 29; Burnley 28; Newcastle U. 27; Leeds U. 27; Luton Town 26; Chelsea 26; Everton 26; Manchester C. 23; Tott. Hotspur 22; Leicester C. 21; Aston Villa 20; Portsmouth 19.

SECOND DIVISION

Brighton and Hove Albion v Rutherham U. 3—0; Bristol R. v Stoke City 1—0; Charlton Athletic v Bristol City 4—1; Derby County v Sunderland 2—0; Grimsby Town v Barnsley 3—3; Ipswich Town v Swansea Town 3—2; Leyton Orient v Lincoln City 0—0; Liverpool v Huddersfield Town 2—2; Middlesbrough v Cardiff City 1..1; Scunthorpe United v Fulham 1—2; Sheffield U. v Sheffield Wednesday 1—0.

Scotland

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrienonians v Hibernian 4—3; Clyde v Motherwell 2—0; Dundee v St. Mirren 4—6; Dunfermline Athl. v Queen of the South 4—2; Falkirk v Aberdeen 5—1; Hearts v Raith Rovers 2—1; Kilmarnock v Partick Thistle 1—2; Rangers v Stirling Alb. 1—2; Third Lanark v Celtic 1—1.

Competition Points

Rangers 40; Motherwell 34; Hearts 31; Partick Thistle 30; Airdrienonians 30; Kilmarnock 27; Hibernian 27; Dundee 26; Celtic 23; Third Lanark 23; Falkirk 23; St. Mirren 22; Stirling Alb. 22; Dunfermline Ath. 22; Aebrdeen 21; Clyde 19; Raith Rovers 19; Queen of the South 13.

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa Athl. v Ayr U. 1—2; Berwick Rangers v Dundee U. 8—2; Brechin City v Alb. Rovers 3—2; Dumbarton v Stranraer 4—1, East Fife v Arbroath 1—1; Forfar Athl. v Cowdenbeath 2—3; Hamilton Academicals v Montrose 5—2, Morton v Stenhousemuir 1—3; St. Johnstone v East Stirling 3—0.

West-Germany

FIRST DIVISION

NORTH: FC St. Pauli v Bergedorf 4-1; Concord. v Ein. Braunschweig 1—1; Hannover 96 v Phönix Lübeck 1—1; VfR Wolfsburg v VfV Hildesheim 0—1; Bremerhaven 93 v Werder Bremen 3—1; VfL Osnabrück v Holstein Kiel 1—0; Eintr. Nordhorn v Hamburg SV 0—3.

Competition Points

HSV 34; Werder Br. 28; Bergedorf 85 23.

FIRST DIVISION

SOUTH: BC Augsburg v Vikt. Aschaffenbg. 3—0; SpVgg. Fürth v TSG Ulm 46 3—0; Karlsruher SC v Bayern München 5—0; Offenb. Kickers v SV Waldhof 3—1, FSV Frankfurt v SSV Reutlingen 5—1; München 60 v Eintr. Frankfurt 1—1; VfR Mannheim v 1. FC Nürnberg 1—3; VfB Stuttgart v Schweinfurt 05 3—1.

Competition Points

K. Offenbach 33; Eintr. Frankfurt 28; Bayern München 28.

FIRST DIVISION

WEST: Bor. Dortmund v SV Sodingen 2—2; TSV Horst v Alemannia Aachen 2—3; Bor. M. Gladbach v RW Essen 0—6; VfL Bochum v RW Oberhousen 1—1; Preussen Münster v 1. FC Köln 1—1; Westfalia Herne v Fort. Düsseld. 3—1; Duisburger SpV v Schalke 04 2—3; Viktoria Köln v Meidericher SpV 1—0.

Competition Points

Westf. Herne 27; Fort. Düsseldorf 25; Meid. SV 25.

FIRST DIVISION

SOUTH—WEST: FK Pirmasens v 1. FC Kaisersl. 0—0; Spfr. Saarbrück. v Eintr. Kreuzn. 4—2; Wormatia Worms v Tura Ludwigsh. 2—1; Saar 05 v SpVg. Weisenau 2—1; Mainz 05 v 1. FC Saarbrück. 1—2; Phönix Ludwigshafen v FV Speyer 0—2; VfR Frankenthal v Eintr. Trier 4—1.

Competition Points

FK Pirmasens 36; 1. FC Kaisersl. 30; Bor. N'kirchen 29.

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FROM the SIDELINES

By TAD TARG

Bruce Morrow, recently acquired Auburn centre forward, had some complimentary things ta say about the standard of Federation soccer after last Fridays game against Sydney Austral.

He said that the standard was much higher than that to which he was accustomed.

Well, it was a very nice and courteous thing to say to the daily Press.

But, the point is, that it is also very true.

Players, like Bruce or Bede Greenfield (Gladesville) who recently switched to Federation clubs, brilliant players though they are, will find, that in every Federation club game they will have to play up to interstate, or even representative standard to do well.

No doubt, they have the ability to do so.

But they won't be able to afford a "day off" and still win matches as previously.

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The feature of last Fridays Corrimal v Bankstown match was the magnificent way the Bankstown forwards, particularly W. Barclay, trapped the ball.

They trapped and stopped the ball in almost any position — both in the air and on the ground — without loss of balance or time, then passed it quickly to another forward who had made position.

The only drawback was shooting at the goal.

And, I think, this was psychological rather than lack of ability.

It looked to me, that whenever these youngsters cut through, they were over-awed by the occasion.

They couldn't believe it was true.

Result — they missed easy shots.

As soon as they overcome this problem, Bankstown will be a hard team to beat.

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CORRIMAL forwards, on the other hand, went through Bankstown defence like a platoon of tanks under radio control from R. Bignall in midfield.

They plowed through most of the obstacles the Bankstown defence was able to set up.

B. Ganis has the build and style to go with the Corrimal brand of football, but being a centre forward he seems to have a tendency to wander when playing in the inside left position.

No doubt he will settle down after a few games and this problem will right itself.

Code here at the crossroads

By a Special Correspondent

Soccer in Australia is now at the crossroads — it must either continue the progress it has made in NSW since the Federation came into existence or it must reconcile itself to remaining a minor winter sport.

The present administrators in the Federation are determined that it will continue to make progress in NSW, but the biggest stumbling block is the Australian Soccer Football Association.

This Association, with representatives from every State, is not a true national organisation.

It acts purely as a tours committee and as far as progress in Australia is concerned it has done exactly nothing.

Whenever an overseas tour has been arranged each State is flat out to get as many representatives as possible in the Australian team, irrespective of whether they are worthy of the honor or not.

No attempts are made to give players any practice as a team.

In fact, and hard as it is to believe, it is not unusual for players to be introduced to one another just before the kick-off.

Australian soccer teams find themselves in the position of providing exhibition games for visiting teams, instead of full-blooded international clashes.

Let us all be realistic on this situation.

Must we allow the Australian Soccer Association continue making a farce of the game in this country, or will efforts be made to stop the rot before it gets any worse.

I believe the Federation is the only salvation for the game in Australia.

2nd Division teams building for big year

By H. BYRNE

With the reorganisation of the respective division in the Federation, I feel that this season will be one of the brightest and most promising in the history of soccer in NSW.

The re-constituted 2nd Division with 14 teams, including former Association clubs Sutherland and Neerlandia, will undoubtedly give added flavor to the competition.

Looking round the clubs at this early stage of training and trials it is interesting to note just how keen everyone is.

Corinthians, for instance, have enlisted the services of a first class coach, as have others in the competition.

This is one of the most pleasing aspects in the rapid progress the 2nd Division is making.

Another is the number of good players attracted to the 2nd Division clubs.

It would, perhabs, be premature at this juncture to give special mention to the forthcoming season's best prospects.

Nevertheless, I feel that Blacktown, Dalmatinac, Neerlandia, St. George, Corinthians and Sutherland will be hard to toes.

Any team getting on top of these should not be far away from promotion at the end of the season.

REFLECTIONS ON LAST SEASON

Firstly, congratulations are due to Budapest for their grand performance last season in earning promotion and in having so many good administrators on their committee.

But from that we have to look at another aspect, which is not such a happy one.

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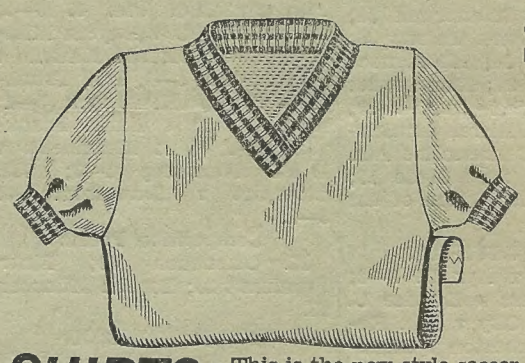

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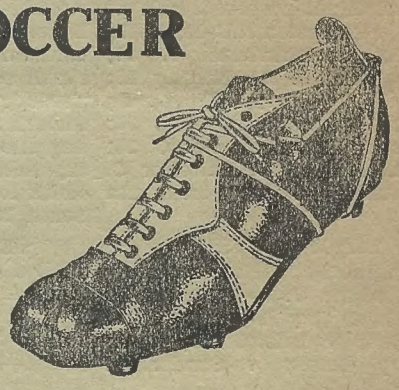

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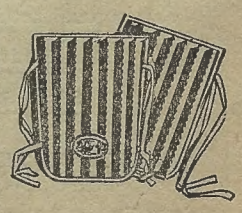

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